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## IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An online service ordering process for implementing the provisioning of telecommunication services <u>directly</u> between a customer and a telecommunication service provider, the process comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from a customer via a data network, at an integrated order manager platform, to access the telecommunications service ordering process;

transmitting to the customer, via the data network, a web page requesting customer identification information;

receiving customer identification information at the integrated order manager; retrieving and verifying customer identification information at the integrated order manager;

transmitting an initial service request web page to the verified customer, the web page including customer-specific information associated with the retrieved customer identification information; and

interacting, via additional web pages, with the verified customer through the presentation of subsequent customer-controlled web pages, permitting customer-provided data entry, to complete the requested service order.

- 2. (original) The online service ordering process as defined in claim 1 wherein the customer is an internal telecommunications service provider sales representative.
- 3. (original) The online service ordering process as defined in claim 1 wherein the customer is an external consumer customer.
- 4. (original) The online service ordering process as defined in claim 1 wherein the customer is a contract negotiator.
- 5. (currently amended) The online service ordering process as defined in claim 1 wherein during the step of interacting with the verified customer, the subsequent customer-

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controlled web pages associated with performing the order process including include dropdown menus of service options for permitting customer-provided data entry.

- 6. (currently amended) The online service ordering process as defined in claim 1 wherein during the step of interacting with the verified customer, at least one web page associated with performing the order process includes a dialog box permitting customer-provided data entry, including the customer to enter specialized information.
- 7. (original) The online service ordering process as defined in claim 1 wherein the process is used in the provisioning of data/IP service.
- 8. (original) The online service ordering process as defined in claim 1 wherein the process is used in the provisioning of access service.
- 9. (original) The online service ordering process as defined in claim 1 wherein the process is used in the provisioning of voice services.
- 10. (original) The online service ordering process as defined in claim 1 wherein the process is used in the provisioning of long distance service
- 11. (original) The online service ordering process as defined in claim 1 wherein the process is used in the provisioning of local service.